

vehicles. Under the law, this money is not available to help auto companies with their immediate funding challenges. So this past week, Senators Bond, Levin, and Voinovich came forward with a new proposal that would allow auto companies to access the loans they need, as long as they're willing to restructure to become financially viable.

This proposal earned support from both sides of the aisle on Capitol Hill. Unfortunately, the leadership in Congress adjourned without even allowing this measure to come up for a vote.

My position is clear: If the automakers are willing to make the hard decisions needed to become viable, they should be able to receive the funds Congress already allotted to them for other purposes. This is a critical issue for our economy and our country. The American people expect their elected leaders to do what it takes to solve it.

Thank you for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 1:05 p.m. on November 20 in the Cabinet Room at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on November 22. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 21. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

November 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the National Building Museum, he participated in a photo opportunity with leaders participating in the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy. He then participated in plenary sessions of the summit.

In the afternoon, the President hosted a lunch for summit leaders. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

November 16

In the afternoon, the President met with Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

November 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Blue Room, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Citizens Medal. Then, also in the Blue Room, they participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the National Humanities Medal. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2008 U.S. Ryder Cup team.

November 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Department of Transportation, he met with Transportation Department employees and toured the Crisis Management Center.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on November 13 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation: Rodney G. Bent; Gary C. Bryner; Thomas Joseph Dodd; and Roger W. Wallace.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alesia Ranney-Marinelli and Mark S. Shelton to be Directors of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

November 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the National American History Museum, he and Mrs. Bush viewed a naturalization ceremony.

November 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President participated in an interview with a Japanese television station. He then participated in an interview with a Peruvian print journalist.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel at the White House on November 24.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the International Forum Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Holodomor in Kiev, Ukraine, on November 22: William B. Taylor, Jr. (head of delegation); Marilyn Ware; and Lorne Craner.

November 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey to check on him after his recent hospital stay. Later, he traveled to Lima, Peru, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the JW Marriott Hotel Lima, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. He then met with President Hu Jintao of China.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted November 17

Neil M. Barofsky,
of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (new position).

Robert A. DeHaan,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Tyler D. Duvall.

Michael Jonathan Green,
of Maryland, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador (new position).

Steven C. Hollon,
of Ohio, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010, vice Robert Nelson Baldwin, term expired.

Joseph E. Lambert,
of Kentucky, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009, vice Robert A. Miller, term expired.

Gayle A. Nachtigal,
of Oregon, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009, vice Sophia H. Hall, term expired.

Arthur G. Scotland,
of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010, vice Florence K. Murray, term expired.

Gerald W. VandeWalle,
of North Dakota, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009, vice Arthur A. McGiverin, term expired.

Submitted November 19

Rodney G. Bent,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2014, vice Adolfo A. Franco, term expired.

Gary C. Bryner,
of Utah, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2014 (reappointment).

Thomas Joseph Dodd,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2014 (reappointment).